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EVER WRITTEN

A quarter of a century ago a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon, 8 years old, evinced some doubt of the existence of a Santa Claus to make all children happy on Christmas day.

Virginia was so skeptical that she wrote the New York Sun to find out if there was any truth in the Santa Claus story. The Sun answered her. The Sun was then in charge of Charles A. Dana, and Frank P. Church was the author of the Sun's reply, which was printed September 21, 1897. Following is the editorial:

"We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that the faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

"Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'if you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

115 West Ninety-fifth Street.
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured to a Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You might tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside and view and picture the supernal glory and beauty beyond it. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so essential and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."

by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your pape to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees San-

FOR SALE—A WASTE BASKET

The sanctum sanctorum of the Daily Prospector has another waste basket for sale, owing to the fact that last month the government discontinued the publication of forty-one free periodicals. If the good work is kept up we will have several more to dump on the market and the office Devil will get rid of the backache from carting 'em out to the dump pile.

This action is money saved. Scarcely anyone has the time to waste perusing the volume of useless publications sent out from the government printing office. They are in almost every instance, with few possible exceptions, mere conglomerations of pure bunk, and no one will miss their coming. On the other hand, the many small and large newspapers throughout the land will rejoice at being freed from that bombardment of useless government publications.

GOING UP!

Time and again this paper has advised its readers to "hold tight" to their Liberty Bonds, and we have also advised our readers to "buy 'till it hurts." We have done this for several reasons.

First, because they are absolutely safe, and secondly, they were the indebtedness of the best country on earth, consequently they were bound to go to par and over, and last Friday two of the issues went over par.

Now there is a movement in Washington to fund the entire issue of war bonds, get them into one issue due in 1947 and pay five per cent interest. If this is done watch the entire issue go above par almost instantly. Your Uncle Sam is your safe and best bet. Better get in if you can before the entire issue goes over the line. Just as we have always advised, your Uncle Sam's paper is the best bet yet, and its GOING UP!

RIFLE MATCH WITH
ILLINOIS WILL BE
HELD IN FEBRUARY

TUCSON, Dec. 22.—A rifle match to be held on February 4 between the rifle teams of the University of Illinois and the University of Arizona, was announced by the military department of the university yesterday. The challenge, sent by Illinois, was accepted immediately.

Ten men teams will be pitted against each other in the match. Each man will fire 40 rounds of ammunition from four different positions, standing, prone, sitting, and kneeling.

Rifle work among the cadets of the university is progressing very rapidly, the military department states. Capt. Williams has been instructing the cadets for some weeks in small arms firing with the result that some excellent marksmen have been developed.

On the U. of A. team is a Tombstone boy, whose work on the range will be watched with interest by local rifle fans. Norman Abell, of this city, is considered one of the crack shots of the University team and until going to the University he was one of the expert shots on the Tombstone Rifle team. He is expected to carry away some of the trophies, as he did when a member of the Arizona team at the National shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio, last year.

ROAD CONDITIONS IN
SOUTHERN PART OF STATE

The following report on road conditions in the southern part of the state was received today from Phoenix:

Tucson to Florence good with the exception of about 15 miles south of Florence which is rough. Florence to Winkelman, Ray and Christmas good. Florence to Casa Grande good. Casa Grande to Tucson good. Tucson to Winkelman via Oracle and Mammoth good. Tucson to Tombstone excellent. Tucson to Nogales very good, still advisable to take Mission Road because of construction work on valley road. Nogales to Tombstone fine. Tombstone to Bisbee fine. Bisbee to Douglas paved road. Douglas to Rodeo good. Bridge over San Pedro river at Benson completed and open to traffic. Bisbee to Bowie via Gleason and Courtland fair. Rodeo to Lordsburg fair. Lordsburg to El Paso good. El Paso to Alamogordo O. K. El Paso to Van Horn had in three places on account of construction. El Paso north via Socorro roads are fair to good. Yuma to Gila Bend fair, work now in progress on this road. Yuma to Phoenix via Agua Caliente fair. Yuma to California via Holtville fair and passable. Yuma to Niland fair. Local roads around Yuma good. Gila Bend to Ajo good desert road. Sentinel and Stoval to Ajo very bad. Ajo to Tucson, 123 miles of which 38 miles is constructed west of Tucson and 42 miles constructed East of Ajo, leaving 53 miles in between of fair desert road, hard and rather rough in places.

2 PERSONAL INJURY
SUITS DISMISSED ON
MOTION OF PLAINTIFF

BISBEE, Dec. 21.—Two recently filed personal injury suits against the Phelps Dodge corporation, Copper Queen branch, were dismissed in the United States district court at Tucson yesterday.

J. A. Williams, who claimed to have sustained a serious injury to his hip in the Lowell mine last January, brought suit for \$10,000. The suit was dismissed on motion of his attorney.

Carlos Carnigan, while employed as a carpenter's helper in the construction of the new concentrator, accidentally stepped into an open space in one of the upper floors, and fell a distance of about 25 feet. He claimed he was permanently injured and asked damages of \$15,000. This suit was also dismissed on motion of attorneys for the plaintiff.

TURKEY 65c POUND

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—A large turkey at prices now prevailing on the Pacific coast, is worth as much as a small beef steer, according to a statement made by George Mickie, head of a large chain of retail groceries and meat markets here. Mr. Mickie said that turkeys were selling for 65 cents a pound in Los Angeles.

BIT OF WEATHER COMING
TO MAKE YULETIDE SEEM
LIKE THOSE "BACK EAST"

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—Another cold wave with heavy snowfall is bearing down upon the Rocky Mountain region, the district weather bureau announced tonight.

It will be much colder in the northern and central parts of the region tomorrow and the snowfall will be heavy in Colorado, northern New Mexico and northeastern Arizona, it was forecast.

A storm of marked intensity was central tonight over southwestern Utah. It caused rain, the weather bureau stated, in California, southwestern Arizona and snow in the northern plateau district, embracing the western slope of Colorado and northern Wyoming.

ALMA SMITH GAINS
IN STRENGTH UNDER
HOSPITAL TREATMENT

GLOBE, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Alma Smith charged with the murder of Henry Lawrence Christensen on December 14 in this city, who wounded herself in an attempt to commit suicide after she had fatally shot the automobile dealer, was reported to be steadily improving at the county hospital yesterday.

The warrant charging her with murder has not been served and will not be put into effect until the physicians declare that the woman is out of danger.

There were no new developments in the case yesterday.

LEWIS RELEASED ON
\$10,000 BOND; WILL
ENTER PLEA TUESDAY

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—Phil K. Lewis, former president of the Central Bank of Wickenburg and vice president of the Central Bank of Phoenix, indicted recently by the county grand jury on four counts, was released from custody last night under a \$10,000 surety bond which he furnished. Lewis appeared yesterday before Judge Stanford with his counsel, Ballard and Jacobs, for arraignment on the four charges, but was granted until Tuesday morning, December 27, to enter his plea.

SHIPS FOUR CARS CALVES
TO LOS ANGELES MARKET

DOUGLAS, Dec. 22.—G. N. Page, of the cattle buying firm of Page & Misenheimer, Wilcox, is in the city today after having made a shipment of cattle yesterday to Los Angeles. The shipment consisted of four cars of calves and one car of old bulls. The bulls and part of the calves were purchased from Will Glenn, of the Chiricahua, and the remainder was bought from J. J. Benton, having a ranch near Bernardino station. Mr. Benton said that this is the first sale of cattle he has made during the present year. The price paid for the calves was 5 cents per pound, according to Mr. Benton.

SONORA LIQUOR TAX ALMOST
EQUAL TO PROHIBITION, SAID

DOUGLAS, Dec. 23.—The new liquor dealers' tax in Sonora is declared as rigorous in its provisions as prohibition would be. In all "first class towns" there must be payment by each saloon of a yearly 500 peso federal tax, together with a 200 peso state tax, each with accompanying 25 percent federal tax on the collected sum.

Then a 200 peso monthly state tax must be paid, with no restriction on the amount of tax that each municipality may levy. Spirits carrying more than 16 percent alcohol will be kept in governmental bonded warehouses to be drawn as needed for sale after payment of an added peso to each quart.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Judge D. L. Cunningham, ex-justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, accompanied by Mrs. Cunningham, arrived in Tombstone yesterday from Phoenix and will spend the Christmas holidays here the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. R. J. Cornelius and family. This is an annual custom of the Cunningham family which they have observed ever since they left Tombstone. They will move shortly to Long Beach, Calif., where Judge Cunningham expects to practice law.

A Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year TO ALL Cochise County State Bank

ARIZONA PAROLES
AND COMMUTES

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Ten prisoners in the Arizona state penitentiary at Florence will receive paroles and four life termers will get commutations of sentences to 25 years each as Christmas presents, according to an announcement made today by the state board of pardons and paroles.

This action was decided on by the board at a "good will toward men" He also tells that he once escaped meeting here today. The men who have been selected as recipients of the paroles and commutations have not been notified and will not know of their good fortune until Christmas.

J. O. Saxon, chairman of the board said.

BOY HELD AS THIEF, BOASTS
HE HAS CAREER OF CRIME

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 22.—James Diego Ruiz, a slender Mexican, who claims to be only 16 years of age, has been brought here to the county jail, charged with breaking open a till at the Ash Fork Marvey house.

Ruiz rather pridefully tells that he has something of a record in crime and claims to be wanted in Santa Barbara, Cal. for a serious crime. There has been communication with California sheriffs on the subject.

BOY IS ARRESTED.
THEFT IS CHARGED

PHOENIX, Dec. 23.—Fred Davis, who gives his age as 15 and says he hails from Canada, was arrested in Kyrene Wednesday morning after his alleged theft of \$177 from the published in El Intruso, reports 5859 Babbit Doyle store in Goodyear. Officers who arrested the boy said they had found the money taken from the store in his possession.

Good Masters, Merry Christmas! May God With Ye Abide

—OLD ENGLISH CAROL

LIKE THE CAROLERS OF OLD WE WISH YE ONE AND ALL "A MERRY CHRISTMAS." OUR WISH INCLUDES NOT ONLY THIS CHRISTMAS BUT EVERY CHRISTMAS TO COME.

WHILE MONEY OF ITSELF DOES NOT BRING HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMAS OR AT ANY OTHER TIME, A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT FOR ONE'S WANTS KEEPS AWAY MISERY.

THE MAN WITH A SAVINGS ACCOUNT CAN LOOK CHEERFULLY FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

THE SAVINGS HABIT IS A GOOD HABIT.
LET US ASSIST YOU TO CULTIVATE IT.

The First National Bank Of Tombstone

Member Federal Reserve System and American Bankers Association

"The Bank of Courteous Service"

About Holiday Presents

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE OVERLOOKED SENDING PRESENTS TO SOMEONE OR PERHAPS YOU RECEIVED A GIFT AND WANT TO RETURN IT. WE ARE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY YOU WITH ANY PRICED ARTICLE YOU WANT AND AT YOUR OWN PRICE, VIRTUALLY, FOR THE REASON THAT A NUMBER OF THESE GOODS ARRIVED SO LATE THAT WE HAD NO TIME TO DISPOSE OF THEM. THIS CONSISTED OF TOILET SETS, SHAVING SETS, MANICURE SETS, DOLLS AND CANDY; JEWELRY, STATIONERY, ETC., ETC.

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